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Inventor(s): WILLIAMS, et al. )  
Application No.: 09/644,026 ) Art Unit: 3732  
Filed: August 22, 2000 ) Examiner: PRIDDY, M.  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
INTERVERTEBRAL IMPLANT )  
ANCHORAGE )

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present Amendment is in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed March 25, 2002 and a telephone interview with the Examiner on April 30, 2002. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the accompanying documents and the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 41, 53, 55, and 66.

- 1 41. (Amended) An implantable device comprising:  
2 first and second anchor plates sized to be positioned within an intradiscal section between  
3 adjacent vertebra, the first and second anchor plates not being coupled to each other, each  
4 anchor plate comprising a plate member and a plurality of anchoring elements having outer  
5 walls that extend substantially perpendicular from the plate member which do not include

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Dear Examiner Priddy,

Per our telephone conversation on December 27, 2002, the REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL and accompanying papers which we filed on May 2, 2002 are not in the above-reference file.

Attached are copies of the following papers:

Date Stamped Post Card Receipt;

Date Stamped Express Mail Receipt;

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL; and  
Amendment.

Please call me if you need any further assistance.

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